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## DETAILED ACTION

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#### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 09/29/2008 was filed after the mailing date of the Final Office Action on 09/17/2008. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

#### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments filed 09/17/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

3. In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., wherein the event items are user selectable objects) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

Claim 1, and similarly claims 10, 19, and 28 recite “*associating a menu item in a hierarchical menu with each event item in the consolidated event list; and invoking the associated menu in said hierarchical menu responsive to selection of an event item from the consolidated event list by the user*”. As can be seen on Figure 3 and table 2, each annunciator is associated to an associated application such as missed call, voice recognition, voice memo, answer machine, and/or data call. Selection of a displayed

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annunciator provides a menu related to said application. This is seen for example paragraph 62 and 64 (paragraph 62 - *If the annunciator is displayed, the user request for the missed voice calls are processed; paragraph 64 - If this annunciator is displayed, then user request for voice memos are processed. The voice memo processing may include showing the listing of recorded voice memos whenever requested, playing or deleting a selected voice memo*). Selection by a user can occur in response to the user pressing a particular key or menu option defined to invoke this screen (paragraph 30 discloses how a user selects the appropriate item to invoke the menu option screen).

While these features are not claimed, the examiner notes that providing an event object on a list directly selectable by a user is conventional in the art such as those shown in the cited MOON et al (US 6,385,662) reference.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ARIEL BALAOING whose telephone number is (571)272-7317. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, V. Paul Harper can be reached on (571) 272-7605. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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